DARK WOODS FOUNDATION

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2025

BELDENN LTD

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

DARK WOODS FOUNDATION

CHARITY INFORMATION

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CHAIRPERSON REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Chair's Foreword

2025 has very much been an establishment year for us here at the Dark Woods Foundation. We registered with the charity commission in May 2024 but had to wait until September 2024 for our bank account to be activated. This certaintly put a dent in what we could achieve by the year end, but it did give us time to make preliminary decisions on what we would work towards in 2026.

During the year, we ran three rounds of our Kirklees Community grants programme, awarding small grants to dozens of local grassroots community groups.

Thanks to Dark Woods Coffee Ltd who provide us with pro-bono services including taking on administrative responsibilities for the Foundation and any grants we decide to award. They also provide the Foundation with a domain name and website which we launched in 2025. This will allow us to increase awareness of our ethos and the work we do with local organisations and internationally.

We're very proud of the work we have done so far and are very excited to expand on this in 2026

Paul Meikle-Janney
Chairperson

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees of Dark Woods Foundation (DWF) are pleased to present their financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Principal Activity

The Dark Woods Foundation is a UK registered charity, with the aim to promote sustainability within the UK and internationally.
We promote and support community and environmental projects in the Kirklees area of West Yorkshire and internationally, primarily within coffee producing countries.

Our Aims

To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:

a) the preservation, conservation and the protetion of the environment and the prudent use of resources
b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities;
c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration

*Sustainable development means "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Our flagship programmes are:

Local Community Grants

The Foundation runs an annual grant-giving programme, with at least three application rounds annually. The grants are targeted at grass-roots community organisations within the Kirklees local authority area. We aim to support projects that work with under-represented communities and/or local environmental projects. Grants are currently offered in the range of £100 to £500.

Grants are awarded, based on a published criteria and application process. Grant recipients are required to provide outcome reports setting out the results of activities provided which were funded by the grants.

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

International Support

We are still designing our international programme, but we aim to promote sustainable development within rural agricultural communities in low- and middle-income countries, by raising awareness of the issues and challenges caused by the effects of climate change, global markets and other environmental and commercial impacts.

The Foundation may also collaborate with, and offer financial support to, UK-based organisations and charities, which support rural communities, or which work to combat the effects of climate change and global trade-injustice, internationally.

Management and Governance

This report and review is provided by the Trustees of the Dark Woods Foundation (charity number 1208146), which is a charitable Incorporated Organisation, whose registered office is Holme Mills, West Slaithwaite Road, Marsden, HD7 6LS.

The Governing body of the Dark Woods Foundation is the Board of Trustees. The Board meets a minimum of four times each year, or as otherwise directed by its Chairperson. At one of these meetings, its AGM, the officers are elected for an annual term of office.

The Trustees of the charity, for the financial year of 2025, were led by Chairperson, Paul Meikle-Janney. Further Trustees in 2025 were Damian Blackburn and Katherine Garthwaite.

During the course of the year, the Trustees met to review the Foundation's strategy and to review and approve essential policies and procedures. The Trustees also worked on recruiting additional, independent Trustees to the Board (who joined the Board shortly after this reporting period).

The administration and operational procedures of the Foundation are the responsibility of the Board of Trustees, who delegate the day to day operational management of the charity to the appropriate individual Trustees and seconded staff.

Governing Document

The Foundation is controlled by its Constitution, which is based closely on the Charity Commission Model CIO Constitution.

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees

We are grateful to have a committed and expert Board of Trustees with a mix of skills and experience. Our aim is to create a balanced Board of Trustees, with a majority of independent Trustees (those with no connection to Dark Woods Coffee Ltd, which set up the Foundation). To this end, we have been actively seeking at least four additional Trustees from the wider community. Two independent Trustees have been appointed (outside of this reporting period).

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (continued)

Management and Staffing

The Foundation is small and does not have the resources or requirement to directly employ our own staff, at this time. We are very fortunate to have been provided with a range of pro bono support from Dark Woods Coffee Ltd, which has seconded two employees to work on a part-time basis for the Foundation, providing administrative and project support. Dark Woods Coffee Ltd has also provided, pro bono, office and meeting space, accountancy and book-keeping support, website hosting and grants-administration. We are very grateful for this support, which removes all overhead costs and enables us to direct all income to supporting communities.

Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

P Meikle-Janney
Chair

17 June 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

We report to the Trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Dark Woods Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Foundation you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

We report in respect of our examination of the Foundation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any respect:

- accounting records have not been kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with those records.
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
Receipts		
Donations	25,000	50,020
Total Receipts	25,000	50,020
Expenditure		
Donations to Local Projects	24,587	7,000
Total Expenditure	24,587	7,000
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	413	43,020

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Current Account	4,286		13,020	
35 Day Notice Account	40,000		30,000	
		44,286		43,020
Current Liabilities				
Creditors		(853)		-
Total Assets		43,433		43,020
Reserves				
Reserves Brought Forward		43,020		-
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year		413		43,020
Total Charity Fund		43,433		43,020

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

P Meikle-Janney (Chair)
17 June 2026